

RESOLUTION NO. 2016291

RE: REQUESTING THE STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF RESTRICTIONS ON SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY WINE AND LIQUOR STORES WITHIN DUTCHESS COUNTY

Legislators FORMAN, INCORONATO, LANDISI, JETER-JACKSON, MICCIO, and BLACK offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority limits the hours for retail sale of wine and liquor in Dutchess County from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on New Year's, Memorial, Independence, Labor and Thanksgiving day; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority also limits the hours for retail sale of wine and liquor in Dutchess County from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving, December 18th – 24th and New Year's Eve; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority also limits the hours for retail sale of wine and liquor in Dutchess County from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for consumers and retailers to permit the sale of wine and liquor for off-premises consumption on New Year's, Memorial, Independence, Labor and Thanksgiving days from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving, December 18th - 24th and New Year's Eve from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the New York State Alcohol Beverage Control Law empowers the New York State Liquor Authority, upon the request of a County legislative body, to change the business hours for sale of wine and liquor for off-premises consumption within the confines of State limitations, after notice and a hearing; now, therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 17 of the New York State Alcohol Beverage Control Law the Dutchess County Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Liquor Authority change Dutchess County's restriction on sales of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on New Year's, Memorial, Independence, Labor and Thanksgiving days, the day before Thanksgiving, December 18th – 24th and New Year's Eve to permit their sale from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Liquor Authority so that notice be given and a hearing on this request be held within the County.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 8th day of December 2016, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 8th day of December 2016.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE



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**RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
TO EXPAND THE HOURS
THAT LIQUOR STORES IN DUTCHESS COUNTY OPERATE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Alcohol Beverage Control Law establishes the maximum hours upon which a liquor store may remain open as being on Sundays between 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. and all other days of the week between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, subject to further restrictions on the hours of operation by the County; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County allows liquor stores to remain open on Sundays from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. and on all other days from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon recognizes that requiring liquor stores to close at 7:00 p.m. is an unfair restriction on businesses which prevents our residents and visitors from shopping at a liquor store in Beacon when, for example, they arrive home from work or at hours after residents or visitors have had dinner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that City residents and visitors to the City are inconvenienced by the early hours that liquor stores are required to close and that liquor stores in the adjoining Counties of Putnam and Orange are permitted to remain open until midnight on all days other than Sundays and that given the proximity of Orange and Putnam County to the City, Beacon residents travel to liquor stores in the adjoining Counties as they offer more convenience, to the detriment of the Beacon business community and City residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Beacon hereby requests the Dutchess County Board of Legislators recognize the current County liquor store closing hours create an inconvenience to County residents, visitors to the County and it is also detrimental to the business owners and taxpayers, as it forces dollars that would otherwise be spent in Dutchess County to be spent elsewhere and that therefore, the hours of operation for liquor stores on Monday through Saturday be permitted to be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Morris, Carolyn

From: Crossroads Wine & Spirit [crossroadswineandspirit@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 4:55 PM
To: miyoshi@nysenate.gov; countyexec; CountyLegislature
Subject: Dutchess County Liquor Laws

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Stan Kotlyar and I have just recently opened up a wine and spirit store in the Shoprite plaza in Fishkill, New York. I have over 22 years of experience in the wine business and have opened and operated stores in Westchester, Nassau and Rockland counties. In every location there is always a learning curve when it comes to understanding our customers and the laws that govern wine and spirit sales. The people of Dutchess county have been incredibly friendly, knowledgeable and supportive of the many local businesses in and around Fishkill. The only impediment thus far, and one that is echoed daily by our customers, is the 7pm deadline for wine sales in Dutchess County. The reasons behind this seem to be a belief that crime will increase with longer business hours and that some of the more complacent retailers oppose any repeal.

While well intentioned, the results as relayed to me by the people of Dutchess is that the sales of wine along with the tax revenue from those sales are not suppressed but simply displaced across the river to Orange county. While it is a boom for their businesses and the local municipalities to which they pay taxes, it is a huge inconvenience to our patrons and a loss for our town and county. There are also a lot of middle class and upper class people who live in Dutchess but commute over an hour away for work and can't possibly make it to our business in time. It has been my experience that customers will try and group their shopping in a single destination. Therefore if the consumer is forced to frequent a shopping center in another county for wine, then every additional dollar spent in the adjacent businesses is a loss for our own. Every day the bulk of our sales come from the last few hours we're allowed to stay open and each day we turn away customers and sales from our doors.

There may be some opposition from other retailers on this issue but from experience I would like to relay to you some of the immediate changes that could result from a repeal. First thing I will have to do is hire more people! Given the hours of operation, I offer one full-time and one part-time position. If we were allowed to stay open later I can safely say that I would need at least two full time employees along and two part time employees. More as the holidays draw near and as my business grows.

I partly understand why there may be some hesitation to any revaluation of the status quo. And yet, based on the information/complaints I receive daily from our community. And from the years of hard earned experience in the wine industry. I honestly believe a repeal will only bring about added prosperity for all.

Sincerely,
Stan Kotlyar

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Enjoy! Cheers!

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Morris, Carolyn

From: Traudt, Benjamin
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 4:50 PM
To: Borchert, Dale; Miccio, James J.; Bolner, Donna; Coviello, Marc; Flesland, Angela; Forman, John; Horton, Marge; Incoronato, Joseph; Landisi, Jerry; Metzger, John D.; Nesbitt, Ellen; Pulver, Gregg; Roman, Kenneth; Sagliano, Don; Surman, Alan; Thomes, John; Truitt, Will; Washburn, Sandy
Cc: Morris, Carolyn
Subject: Liquor Law

Hello Everyone,

I am just writing to follow up on a question that came up in caucus the other night as to whether or not it was still the law in New York State that the owner of a liquor store had to be present during all hours of operation of the store. I spoke with Michael Smith from the New York State Liquor Authority and he confirmed to me that this is still the case. In order to work at a liquor store, an employee must be 18 years of age and must work in the physical presence of the licensee. If you have any further questions please let me know.

Ben

Morris, Carolyn

From: Forman, John
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:16 AM
To: Volkman, Scott
Cc: Morris, Carolyn
Subject: Dutchess County: Liquor stores, hours of operation
Attachments: Dutchess.PNG; ULSTER.png; ORANGE.PNG; Putnam.PNG; COLUMBIA.PNG; ENTIRE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.docx

Hello Scott (and Carolyn):

I have 4 Co-Sponsors, requesting the NYS Liquor Authority to amend the hours of operation for OFF PREMISES PACKAGE LIQUOR STORES, located in Dutchess County:

Forman
Landisi
Miccio
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I have attached for you the hours of operation for neighboring counties. As you will see, the hours our liquor stores are allowed to be open is not competitive with our neighboring counties. Dutchess County has the strictest, and least business-friendly hours in the entire state of New York!

The attachments for each county come directly from the NYS Liquor Authority website. As far as CT goes, I called a liquor store in CT and was told the entire state of CT has the same hours of operation.

CHANGES TO DUTCHESS COUNTY:

* Weekdays CLOSED FROM **9:00PM** to 9:00AM
* Sundays NO CHANGE
* Christmas Day NO CHANGE

*** LAST TWO COLUMNS ARE TO BE DELETED AS WELL**

Thank you!!

Any questions, please CALL ME 845-596-5956 I am NOT going to be in the office Thursday 10/13 or Friday 10/14...I will NOT have access to my county e-mail until Monday 10/17.

John Forman

McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated
Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (Refs & Annos)
Chapter 3-B. Of the Consolidated Laws
Article 2. Liquor Authority (Refs & Annos)

McKinney's Alcoholic Beverage Control Law § 17

§ 17. Powers of the authority

Effective: July 18, 2018

Currentness

<[Eff. July 18, 2018, pursuant to L.2012, c. 118, § 4. See, also, § 17, ante.]>

The authority shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

1. To issue or refuse to issue any license or permit provided for in this chapter.
2. To limit in its discretion the number of licenses of each class to be issued within the state or any political subdivision thereof, and in connection therewith to prohibit the acceptance of applications for such class or classes of licenses which have been so limited.
3. To revoke, cancel or suspend for cause any license or permit issued under this chapter and/or to impose a civil penalty for cause against any holder of a license or permit issued pursuant to this chapter. Any civil penalty so imposed shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars as against the holder of any retail permit issued pursuant to sections ninety-five, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine-d, and paragraph f of subdivision one of section ninety-nine-b of this chapter, and as against the holder of any retail license issued pursuant to sections fifty-three-a, fifty-four, fifty-four-a, fifty-five, fifty-five-a, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, sixty-four-c, seventy-six-f, seventy-nine, eighty-one, and eighty-one-a of this chapter, and the sum of thirty thousand dollars as against the holder of a license issued pursuant to sections fifty-three, sixty-one-a, sixty-one-b, seventy-six, seventy-six-a and seventy-eight of this chapter, provided that the civil penalty against the holder of a wholesale license issued pursuant to section fifty-three of this chapter shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars where that licensee violates provisions of this chapter during the course of the sale of beer at retail to a person for consumption at home, and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars as against the holder of any license issued pursuant to sections fifty-one, sixty-one and sixty-two of this chapter. Any civil penalty so imposed shall be in addition to and separate and apart from the terms and provisions of the bond required pursuant to section one hundred twelve of this chapter. Provided that no appeal is pending on the imposition of such civil penalty, in the event such civil penalty imposed by the division remains unpaid, in whole or in part, more than forty-five days after written demand for payment has been sent by first class mail to the address of the licensed premises, a notice of impending default judgment shall be sent by first class mail to the licensed premises and by first class mail to the last known home address of the person who signed the most recent license application. The notice of impending default judgment shall advise the licensee: (a) that a civil penalty was imposed on the licensee; (b) the date the penalty was imposed; (c) the amount of the civil penalty; (d) the amount of the civil penalty that remains unpaid as of the date of the notice; (e) the violations for which the civil penalty was imposed; and (f) that a judgment by default will be entered in the supreme court of the county in which the licensed premises are located, or other court of civil jurisdiction, or any other place provided for the

entry of civil judgments within the state of New York unless the division receives full payment of all civil penalties due within twenty days of the date of the notice of impending default judgment. If full payment shall not have been received by the division within thirty days of mailing of the notice of impending default judgment, the division shall proceed to enter with such court a statement of the default judgment containing the amount of the penalty or penalties remaining due and unpaid, along with proof of mailing of the notice of impending default judgment. The filing of such judgment shall have the full force and effect of a default judgment duly docketed with such court pursuant to the civil practice law and rules and shall in all respects be governed by that chapter and may be enforced in the same manner and with the same effect as that provided by law in respect to execution issued against property upon judgments of a court of record. A judgment entered pursuant to this subdivision shall remain in full force and effect for eight years notwithstanding any other provision of law.

4. To remove any employee of the authority for cause, after giving such employee a copy of the charges against him in writing, and an opportunity to be heard thereon. Any action taken under this subdivision shall be subject to and in accordance with the civil service law.

5. To fix by rule the standards of manufacture and fermentation in order to insure the use of proper ingredients and methods in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages to be sold or consumed in the state.

6. To hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, administer oaths, to examine any person under oath and in connection therewith to require the production of any books or papers relative to the inquiry. A subpoena issued under this section shall be regulated by the civil practice law and rules.

7. To prohibit, at any time of public emergency, without previous notice or advertisement, the sale of any or all alcoholic beverages for and during the period of such emergency.

8. To make an annual report to the governor and the legislature of its activities for the preceding year.

8-a. On and after January first, two thousand the report provided for in subdivision eight of this section shall include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the prohibition on the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of twenty-one as provided in section sixty-five-b of this chapter with particular emphasis on the provisions of subdivisions one, two, three, four and five of section sixty-five-b, subdivision five of section one hundred nineteen and subdivision six of section sixty-five of this chapter, paragraph (b) of subdivision seven of section 170.55 of the criminal procedure law and subdivision (f) of section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law.

8-b. On and after January first, two thousand eleven, the report provided for in subdivision eight of this section shall include information related to the number of licenses applied for and the length of time required for the approval or denial of such retail license applied for pursuant to subdivision two-c of section sixty-one, section sixty-four, section seventy-six, section seventy-six-a, section seventy-six-c, section seventy-six-d, and section seventy-six-f of this chapter.

8-c. *Expired and deemed repealed May 15, 2008, pursuant to L.2003, c. 62, pt. W3, § 8.*

9. The powers provided in this section may be delegated by the authority to the chairman, or to such other officers or employees as may be designated by the chairman.

10. To appoint such advisory groups and committees as it deems necessary to provide assistance to the authority to carry out the purposes and objectives of this chapter.

11. Upon receipt of a resolution adopted by a board of supervisors or a county legislative body requesting further restriction of hours of sale of alcoholic beverages within such county, and upon notice and hearing within such county, to approve or disapprove such hours within such county.

12. To develop and establish minimum criteria for alcohol training awareness programs which may be given and administered by schools; other entities including trade associations whose members are engaged in or involved in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages; national and regional franchisors who have granted at least five franchises in the state which are licensed to sell beer at retail for off-premises consumption; licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for off-premises consumption operating five or more licensed premises; and persons interested, whether as an individual proprietor or partner or officer or member of a limited liability company, in five or more licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for off-premises consumption. The authority shall provide for the issuance of certificates of approval to all certified alcohol training awareness programs. Certificates of approval may be revoked by the authority for failure to adhere to the authority's rules and regulations. Such rules and regulations shall afford those who have been issued a certificate of approval an opportunity for a hearing prior to any determination of whether such certificate should be revoked.

No licensee shall be required to apply for any such certificate or renewal certificate and the licensee may voluntarily surrender such a certificate or renewal certificate at any time. A fee in the amount of nine hundred dollars shall be paid to the authority with each application for a certificate of approval or renewal certificate. The authority shall promptly refund such fee to an applicant whose application was denied. Each certificate of approval and renewal thereof shall be issued for a period of three years. To effectuate the provisions of this subdivision, the authority is empowered to require in connection with an application the submission of such information as the authority may direct; to prescribe forms of applications and of all reports which it deems necessary to be made by any applicant or certificate holder; to conduct investigations; to require the maintenance of such books and records as the authority may direct; to revoke, cancel, or suspend for cause any certificate provided for in this subdivision. Each entity authorized to give and administer an alcohol training awareness program shall issue certificates of completion to all licensees and employees who successfully complete such an approved alcohol training awareness program. Such entity shall regularly transmit to the authority the names, addresses and dates of attendance of all the licensees and employees of licensees who successfully complete an approved alcohol training awareness program. Such transmittal shall be in a form and manner prescribed by the authority. The authority shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this subdivision, including the minimum requirements for the curriculum of each such training program and the regular ongoing training of employees holding certificates of completion or renewal certificates. Such rules and regulations shall include the minimum requirements for a separate curriculum for licensees and their employees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for off-premises consumption, minimum requirements for a separate curriculum for licensees and their employees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for on-premises consumption, and the form of a certificate of completion or renewal thereof to be issued in respect to each such type of program. A certificate of completion or renewal thereof issued by an entity authorized to give and administer an alcohol training awareness program pursuant to this subdivision to licensees and their employees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for off-premises consumption shall not be invalidated by a change of employment to another such licensee. A certificate of completion or renewal thereof issued by an entity authorized to give and administer an alcohol training awareness program pursuant to this subdivision to licensees and their employees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for on-premises consumption shall not be invalidated by a change of employment to another such licensee. Attendance at any course established pursuant to this section shall be in person, through distance learning methods, or through an internet based online program.

13. To study and report to the governor and the legislature bi-ennially¹ on or before February first of each year concerning:

(a) recommendations to reduce the number and type of licenses, and to establish a uniform, statewide schedule of fees, such recommendations to include the development of a master application form for all licenses, with specific exhibits required for specific licenses, as appropriate, as well as recommendations on a non-refundable application fee set at a level which will cover the cost of the review and which would be applied against the first year license fee if the application is granted;

(b) recommendations to simplify license renewal procedures;

(c) recommendations to streamline the processing of applications and to eliminate duplication of reviews, such recommendations to include uniform standards for application review and decision which shall seek to assure that the review is as objective as possible and to narrow the discretion of the authority or of any reviewer employed by the authority;

(d) the extent to which quality of life issues, such as noise level, vehicular traffic and parking are considered in licensing decisions, particularly as such issues pertain to proceedings pursuant to subdivision seven of section sixty-four of this chapter;

(e) recommendations to improve enforcement methodologies in order to protect the health and safety of residents of communities experiencing persistent problems in the operation of retail establishments;

(f) recommendations concerning the addition of field enforcement personnel and the ratios of such field enforcement personnel to the total numbers of licensees that in the view of the authority would be appropriate to insure compliance with the law. Such study shall provide a detailed analysis of the costs and projected revenues to be obtained from the addition of such field enforcement personnel;

(g) such other observations and recommendations concerning the activities of the authority as will improve its effectiveness and efficiency including the utilization of on-line services to provide information on a fee-for-service basis; and

(h) provide information concerning the name, total quantity and total price of wine purchased from New York state and out-of-state wineries and farm wineries, and such other information on and recommendations concerning interstate wine shipment.

14. For state fiscal year two thousand nine--two thousand ten, the authority shall, within amounts appropriated therefore,² improve and update their information technology in order to meet federal security requirements and to assist in the processing of license and/or permit applications and renewals.